**Sale of duplicate books**

†2776. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether duplicate books are being sold on large scale in Delhi and Mumbai now like duplicate CDs;

(b) whether clonings of textbooks are resorted to like costly books of Harry Potter;

(c) if so, the number of persons arrested so far in this connection; and

(d) whether Government would bring a stringent law in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No formal complaints addressed to the Union Ministry of HRD have been received in this regard.

This Ministry does not receive any formal complaints in this regard. However, piracy of copyright materials is a known phenomenon regarding which the Govt. of India frequently interacts with State Governments for effective implementation of the Copyright Act.

(c) This Ministry does not maintain any such record.

(d) There are adequate provisions in the Copyright Act, 1957, providing for civil and criminal remedies against such violations.

However, it is for the affected right holders to move the appropriate machinery for relief.

**Applications for B. Pharmacy Colleges**

2777. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AICTE is still holding up the applications pending for B. Pharmacy colleges in some States for two years;

(b) the reasons for the lack of proper and immediate response by AICTE to the long pending applications;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is necessary for the AICTE to insist that applicants must come to Delhi and wait endlessly here for permissions, etc;

(d) the number of specific applications from Andhra Pradesh pending for the last three years; and

(e) the details of such applications pending with the AICTE?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to AICTE, during the academic year 2005-06, they had invited applications for a block period of three years (i.e. 2005-08). All the applications were duly considered by them without any delay at any stage and the proposals that fully complied with all the norms for establishment of new technical institutions were granted approval. Only the applications, which were having one or more deficiency in respect to compliance of norms, have been transferred to the next academic year.

The decisions of AICTE in respect of approval for technical institutes, additional courses, increase in intake etc. are displayed on its website *www.aicte.ernet.in* which is updated regularly. The stakeholders are informed about availability of the information on website through public notices. Individual letters are also sent to the applicants.

(d) and (e) There are 25 such proposals, which have not yet been approved due to certain deficiencies.

**Replacement of Old Marksheets**

2778. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBSE has announced that all the old marksheets would be destroyed;

(b) the details of the policy of the CBSE to maintain records and also fix a certain date to destroy all old school records;

(c) whether it is a fact that the CBSE could better maintain such records through use of computerization, etc.;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the CBSE has not been able to upgrade its system of issuing duplicate certificates to the students in an efficient manner; and